

# Aquino tops Luzon poll

Villar far second, says SWS

MANILA – Sen. Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino III has topped a survey by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) in the vote-rich regions of Luzon, winning the nod of an overwhelming 50 percent of respondents and dislodging front-running Sen. Manny Villar who placed second with 14 percent, according to ABS-CBN.

The survey was commissioned by private individuals and businessmen and was conducted on Sept. 5 and 6 among 1,200 respondents during the week before Aquino formally announced his decision to seek the highest post in the land, the TV network reported Sunday night.

The polling was done in Metro Manila, Pangasinan, Central Luzon and Calabarzon – an area that is home to 40 percent of registered voters – and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

ABS-CBN said that 10 percent of respondents belonged to the A, B and C classes – the wealthy and the middle class – while 90 percent belonged to the D and E classes – the poor.

According to the survey, 50 percent of respondents said they would vote for Aquino, followed by 14 percent who said they preferred Villar.

Former President Joseph Estrada followed with 13 percent, Sen. Francis Escudero posted 12 percent and Vice President Noli de Castro came in last with 7 percent.

On Wednesday, Aquino announced that he was seeking the presidency after he saw an outpouring

of support on the death last month of his mother, former President Corazon Aquino, that left him without recourse but to accept the challenge of continuing her legacy of good governance.

**Noli spurns administration party**  
On Sunday, the Philippine Daily Inquirer learned that De Castro had formally informed the administration party that he would not run for president – if ever he would decide to run at all – under its banner in the 2010 elections.

De Castro's decision sets the stage for Lakas-Kampi-CMD to name either Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro or Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando as its standard-bearer.

The Vice President, who ran and won as an independent in 2004, broke the news to Gabriel Claudio, the party's secretary general, in a meeting last week, said a source privy to the discussion who requested anonymity for lack of authority to talk to media.

Sought for comment, Claudio, also the presidential adviser on political affairs, said he was leaving it up to De Castro to make the official announcement about the decision.

“We had an agreement that it would come from him,” he told the Inquirer. “It was never our intention to pressure him, to put any deadline on him. The party has its own mechanisms, processes and timetable and he has always known about

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Go Negosyo Most Inspiring Young Entrepreneurs: Sen. Manny Villar and Presidential Consultant for Entrepreneurship and Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion salute the country's young entrepreneurs. Standing from left are awardees Raymund Punzalan, Emerson Atanacio, Benedict Carandang, Nicole Whisenhunt, Anna Amigo-Antonio, Melody Ayupan, Angeliq de la Cruz, Veejay Floresca, Andre Vocalan, and Alvin Tan. Joining the recognition are Smart Communications' James Bernas, PLDT's Gabby Cui, and Go Negosyo executive director Mon Lopez. The awarding ceremony was part of Go Negosyo's Youth Entrepreneurship Summit last Sept. 11 at the SMX Complex, SM Mall of Asia where the number of youth participants reached an estimated 15,000.

## Go Negosyo honors young entrepreneurs

MANILA – A crowd of 15,000 youth from all over the country trooped to the SMX Complex at the SM Mall of Asia last Sept. 11 for the biggest youth entrepreneurship gathering of the year – the Go Negosyo Sigaw ng Kabataan Youth Entrepreneurship Summit.

With the banner “Be smart. Be enterprising,” the summit was presented by the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship/Go Negosyo, in partnership with the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education.

Led by its founder Joey Concepcion, Go Negosyo believes in starting them young.

Youth groups from different high schools, colleges, universities and organizations gathered for the one-day event that featured exciting and inspiring topics in the programs and forums held, ranging from negosyo basics to tips on youth concerns and interests.

Athlete, celebrity, entrepreneur and Go Negosyo youth icon Chris Tiu, who joined the summit, is also a forerunner in pushing for the entrepreneurial mindset among Filipino youth, believes that entrepreneurship and basketball have a lot in common, such as the passion for excellence and passion to succeed.

Special guests in the morning

sessions were Senators Manny Villar and Chiz Escudero, DTI Secretary Peter Favila, Gov. LRay Villafuerte, Go Negosyo trustee Myla Villanueva.

Villar was cited as a role model for Filipino youth and budding entrepreneurs. He reminded youth entrepreneurs to espouse the virtue of “sipag at tiyaga” in order to succeed in business.

Sen. Kiko Pangilinan and Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap; celebrity entrepreneurs Dr. Vicki Belo with children Quark and Crystalle Henares and Gladys Reyes, with DJs Nicolehiyala and Chris Tsuper joined the afternoon program.

In recognition of the entrepreneurial spirit of the youth, Go Negosyo awarded Most Inspiring Young Entrepreneurs: Raymund Punzalan (co-founder, Team Manila); Emerson Atanacio (president, National College of Science and Technology); Benedict Carandang (founder, Tuldok Animations); Nicole Whisenhunt (owner, Nicole Whisenhunt Accessories); Anna Amigo-Antonio (founder and managing director, Chocolate Clothing Co.); Melody Ayupan (owner, Natural Metaphors Body Products); Angeliq de la Cruz (owner, The Sweet Life Cupcakes and Pastries); Veejay Floresca (owner, Veejay Floresca Designs); Andre Voca-

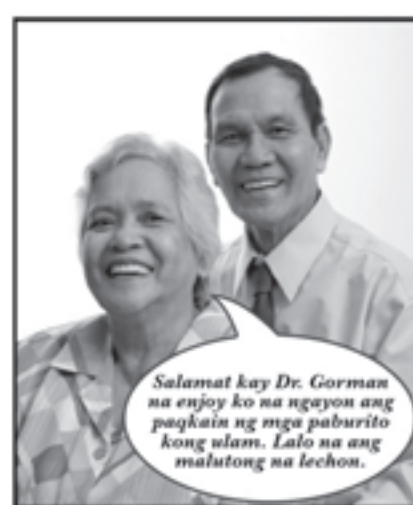
lan (owner, Balaw-balaw Food Corp.); and Alvin Tan (president and CEO, Technominds). These young negosyantes were recognized for their success as well as their inspirational journey and positive influence on the youth.

Go Negosyo also recognized institutions and organizations that push for entrepreneurship education for the youth. The Go Negosyo Youth Entrepreneurship Enablers are: Multiple Intelligence International School; CSB School of Deaf Education and Applied Studies; San Beda College; Department of Management; Bitagurean 4-H Club; Miriam College-College of Business, Entrepreneurship and Accountancy; dzMM Radyo Negosyo; John Gokongwei School of Management, Bureau of Women and Young Workers; DepEd: Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs; Asian Center for Entrepreneurship; and Entrepreneurs School of Asia.

There were over 200 booths and exhibitors showcasing different products and services relating to the needs of young consumers.

A Go Negosyo “Kabataan Musicfest” was held after the daytime program, with performances by the country's leading rock bands. ■

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